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REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 5, 2005, has been received and carefully considered. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Allowability of Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-15, 17-23, and 38-42

The Applicants note with appreciation the indication at page 3 of the Office Action that claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-15, 17-23, and 38-42 are allowed.

Indefinite Rejection of Claims 24-37

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 24-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. This rejection is hereby respectfully traversed.

Claim 24, from which claims 25-37 depend, recites "receiving an absolute alpha value, wherein the absolute alpha value represents a position, within a first range of alpha values, relative to a first source pixel." The Office Action asserts that this element is indefinite because it does not specify "what that position [represented by the absolute alpha value] might be." *Office Action*, p. 3. Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion. Claim 24 plainly states that the position is relative to a first source pixel. One of ordinary skill in the art would understand from the language of claim 24 that the absolute alpha value represents a position relative to a first source pixel.

Claims 25-37 depend from claim 24, and are allowable under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 by virtue of their dependency.

In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the indefiniteness rejection of claims 24-37 is improper. Withdrawal of this rejection and reconsideration of the claims therefore is respectfully requested.

PATENT**Conclusion**

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

If the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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